Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): May I know, Sir, what is the experience of the Government by reverting to the Ayurvedic system of elephant treatment?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon (*Conservator of Forests*): Comparatively, I think, the position has improved.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Have the Government taken the figures of elephant mortality when it was under the allopathic system and mortality under the Ayurvedic system which now exists?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon (*Conservator of Forests*): Comparative figures have not been compiled.

മിസ്റ്റർ. കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ഇപ്പോൾ നാലാനകളും ഒരു കഴിയിൽ വീണാണൊ ചത്തത്?

മിസ്റ്റർ. ടി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: ഒരു കഴിയിൽ വീണു ചത്തതല്ല. ഓരോരിക്കൽ ഓരോന്നു ചത്തു.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): May I know whether the services of a qualified veterinary surgeon were requisitioned at the time when the elephants were ill lately?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon (*Conservator of Forests*): In one or two instances when we had reason to doubt that the animal died of anthrax, a veterinary surgeon's services were requisitioned to make a microscopic examination of the blood.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): May I know, Sir, whether this *Anavicharippu* is a hereditary office?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon (*Conservator of Forests*): As I have already stated, it is a quasi-hereditary appointment, i. e., it is left to the Government to declare the appointment non-hereditary at any time.

മിസ്റ്റർ. കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: കൊച്ചിനാമിൽ നമ്പ്യാന്മാർ അല്ലാതെ ചികിത്സക്കു വലിയ വിദഗ്ധന്മാരാണൊ?

മിസ്റ്റർ. ടി. നാരായണമേനോൻ: അവർ വളരെക്കാലമായി ചികിത്സ നടത്തി വരുന്നവരാണ്.

STORE-KEEPER—MEDICAL STORES—QUALIFICATION OF.

270. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) who is in charge of the medical stores under the Medical Department;

(*b*) whether he is a medically qualified man?

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Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*): (*a*) Chief Medical Officer.
(*b*) Yes.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): May I know, Sir, who is the medically qualified man who is in charge of the stores?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): The Chief Medical Officer.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): Is the C. M. O. himself in charge of the Stores? Is he assisted by anybody?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): He may be assisted by some clerks.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): May I know whether there is a clerk at the spot?

Mr. President: You want to know who is the store-keeper?

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): Sometime back it was under the charge of a medical man, a Sub-Assistant Surgeon. Subsequently a clerk was placed in charge under the supervision of the Chief Medical Officer. It is in a way true that the C. M. O. is in charge. But strictly speaking he is not. Do the Government think that the C. M. O. can afford or spare the time to look into the medical stores?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): I know as a matter of fact that the Chief Medical Officer is looking into the detailed working of the stores. I had occasion to visit the stores when I was attending to the medicine supply. He knows all the details about this.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): May I know what are the reasons that have brought about this change recently?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secreteary to Government*): There is nothing special. The C. M. O. can very well attend to this very efficiently with the help of clerks.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): What were the defects or deficiencies discovered before a change was effected?

Mr. President: I think it is better that this question is answered to-morrow when the Chief Medical Officer comes.

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